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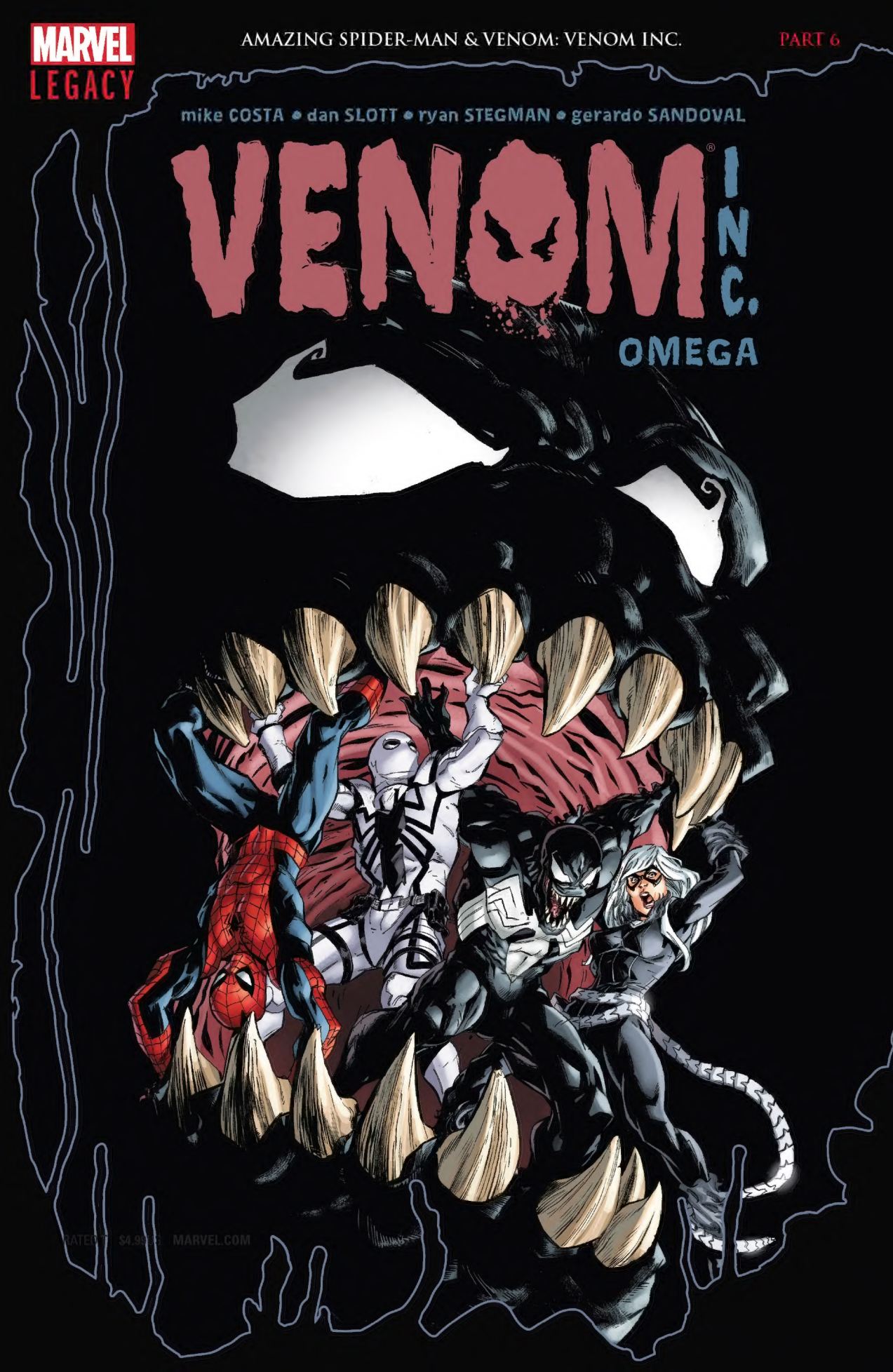

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Former Venom host **LEE PRICE** wanted to regain his former power, so he stole a symbiote from **ANDI BENTON**, A.K.A. Mania, and became **MANIAC**. Lee somehow unlocked a new power to spit symbiote globules onto other people and control their minds. He used this ability to take over **BLACK CAT'S** gang, the many members of the criminal Five Families and even **SPIDER-MAN**.

Meanwhile, **FLASH THOMPSON** became the all-new **ANTI-VENOM**, which granted him amazing new abilities and made him toxic to symbiotes. Flash, together with **EDDIE BROCK**, A.K.A. **VENOM**, Black Cat and Andi, armed themselves with weapons loaded with the same substance that created Anti-Venom and freed Spider-Man from Maniac's control.

Afterwards, Spidey and co. launched an all-out assault on Maniac and his army of "Made Men," and in the process liberated Price's new soldiers. But Maniac still has one more monstrous play to make as the symbiote goo flows off his minions...

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WE REALLY SHOULD FIND WHERE ANDI'S SYMBIOTE IS GOING.
THAT'S NOT JUST ANDI'S SYMBIOTE. IT'S EVERYTHING MANIAC SPAWNED OUT OF IT.
NO! WE NEED TO FIND LEE PRICE! AND MAKE HIM PAY!
BUT WHERE IS HE?
GUYS! IT'S ME, UP ON THE ROOF! LOOK!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING WITH THE GROUND OVER THERE!
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, ARE YOU?
THE FUN'S JUST BEGINNING!

HA HA HA!
FROM UP HERE, YOU ALL LOOK LIKE ANTS!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

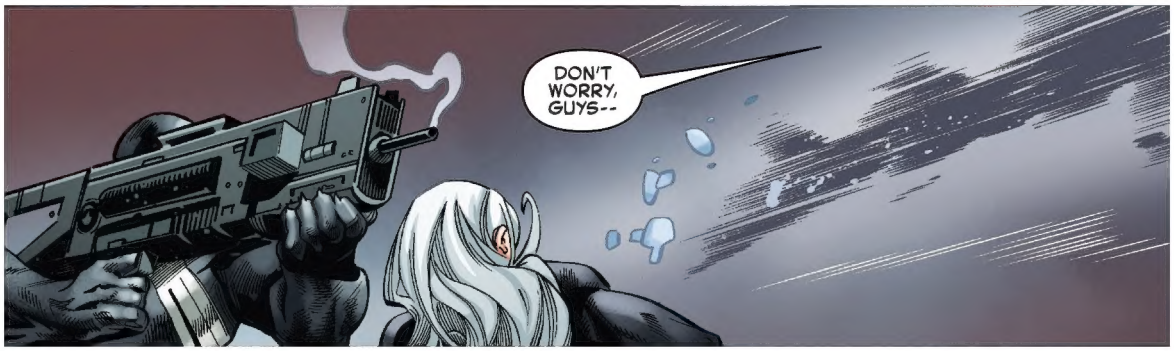
50-FOOT MANIAC? NOT GOOD! ANY BRILLIANT PLANS?

I'VE GOT A PLAN. EMPTYING WHAT'S LEFT OF THESE ANTI-VENOM CLIPS INTO THE BIG #$%&.

I'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE TO SAFETY.
FLASH, OL' PAL, YOU'RE RUNNING THE SHOW.
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
ME? HOW AM I IN CHARGE?

THAT'S A WHOLE LOT A' SYMBIOTE.
AND YOU ARE ANTI-VENOM.
WHO ELSE?

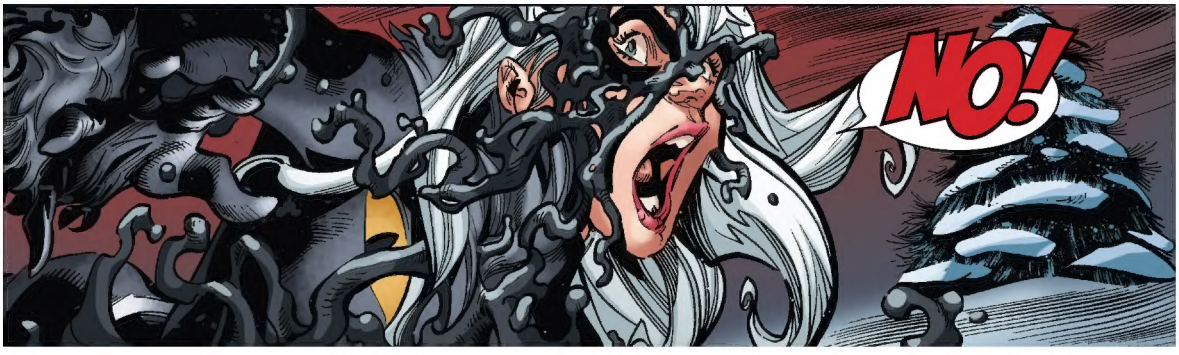
BRAKKA BRAKKA
BROCK, I THINK YOU'RE JUST ANNOYING HIM...


DON'T WORRY, GUYS--

I'VE GOT THIS!
DO YOU, GOODIE-TWO-SHOES? YOUR TOUCH MAY BE TOXIC TO ME--

WHAM
--BUT IT DOES JACK TO THIS TREE!
OH NO.
FLASH!
YOU KILLED THOMPSON.
I SURE HOPE SO, BROCK.

I'LL TEAR YOU OUT OF THERE, PRICE!
CAREFUL, BROCK.
I'VE GOT EYES IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD.
LITTLE HELP!
QUIT YOUR WHINING, EDDIE. I'M--
SPTOO
YOU'RE MINE, CAT. YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME.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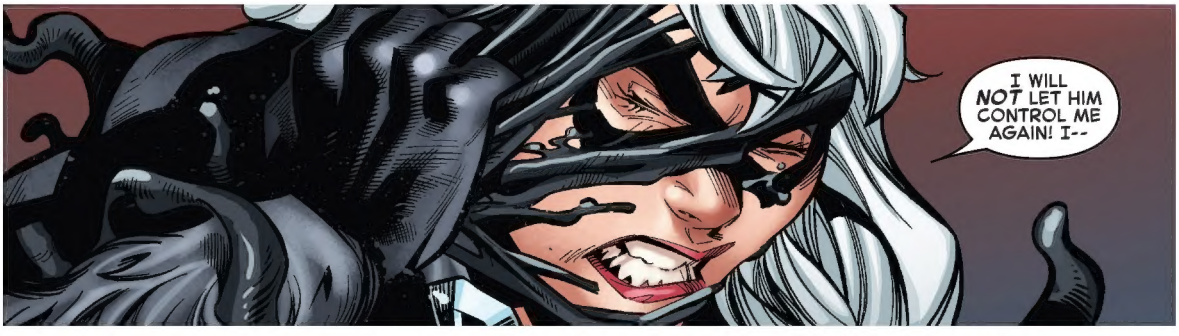

I WILL NOT LET HIM CONTROL ME AGAIN! I--

WAIT...
IT'S JUST COMING RIGHT OFF. IT'S NOT STICKING AT ALL.

YOU CAN'T GO BACK FOR SECONDS ONCE SOMEONE'S GOTTEN OUT OF YOUR SLAVE MASK, HUH?
INNNTERESTING.

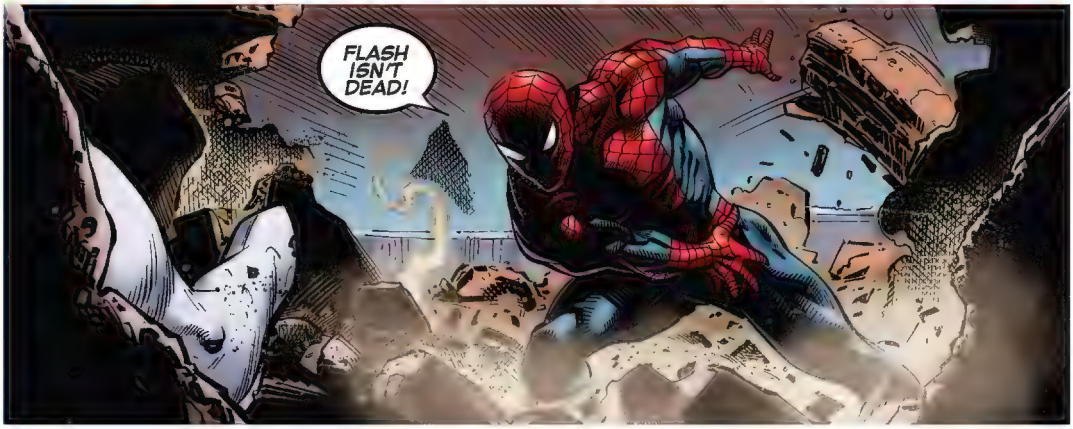
OKAY, ANDI. YOU'RE ON OVERWATCH.
COACH IS DOWN. SPIDEY'S GONE AFTER HIM. CAT'S POSSIBLY TURNED AND BROCK'S OUT OF HIS LEAGUE.
WHAT THE HELL CAN YOU DO UP HERE?
MAY AS WELL BRING THE HELL DOWN THERE.
HANG ON, FLASH-BUDDY. I'M COMING FOR YOU!

YOU USED TO BE SOMETHING ONCE, BROCK.
BUT YOU'RE A BUG TO ME NOW.
...KILL YOU...
AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET SQUASHED--
AHHH!
WHAT IS THAT?!
HELLFIRE!
MORE THAN THAT--IT'S JUSTICE, PRICE! IT'S WHAT YOU DESERVE!

YOU'RE A COWARD AND A BUTCHER AND YOU DON'T DESERVE THE SUIT YOU TOOK FROM ME!

AH. THE GIRL FROM PHILLY.
I REMEMBER YOU.

KEEP POURING IT ON, GIRL!
WITH THOMPSON DEAD, YOU'RE THE BEST CHANCE WE'VE GOT NOW.


FLASH ISN'T DEAD!

C-CAN'T MOVE. EV-EVERYTHING'S BROKEN INSIDE.
EUGENE.
G-GO. GO ON WITHOUT ME. AND!--AND! AND THE OTHERS NEED YOU.
TOUGH.
BECAUSE I NEED YOU, COLONEL EUGENE "FLASH" THOMPSON.
THE MAN WHO TOOK EVERYTHING A WAR COULD THROW AT HIM--
--AND NEVER STOOD DOWN!
I NEED THE MAN WHO SAVED HIS WHOLE UNIT, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

I NEED THAT HERO!
ON YOUR FEET, SOLDIER!

I KNOW YOU'VE GOT THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING INSIDE YOU THAT CAN--
GOT IT! GIMME A SEC. I'LL BE GOOD TO GO.
WHAT?!

THAT "SOMETHING SPECIAL INSIDE ME."
ANTI-VENOM GOO THAT CAN HEAL ANY WOUND.
THAT--THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT.
YOU RUINED A PERFECTLY GOOD "WIN ONE FOR THE GIPPER" SPEECH.
FORGOT ABOUT THAT. STILL GETTING USED TO THIS.

SORRY.
I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU TO "DIG DEEP" AND EVERYTHING.
I-- I CAN STILL USE THAT.
WHATEVER. C'MON. GIANT MONSTER. CHOP-CHOP.

ALL RIGHT, LITTLE FIREBUG...
TIME TO PUT YOU OU-- UKKK!
JUST. SHUT. UP.
RRRAAAA-- CAT? BUT I MADE YOU AGAIN--
DOESN'T WORK TWICE, YOU MORON. YOU'RE AS SMART AS YOU ARE--
GIGANTIC?!
HA HA HA!

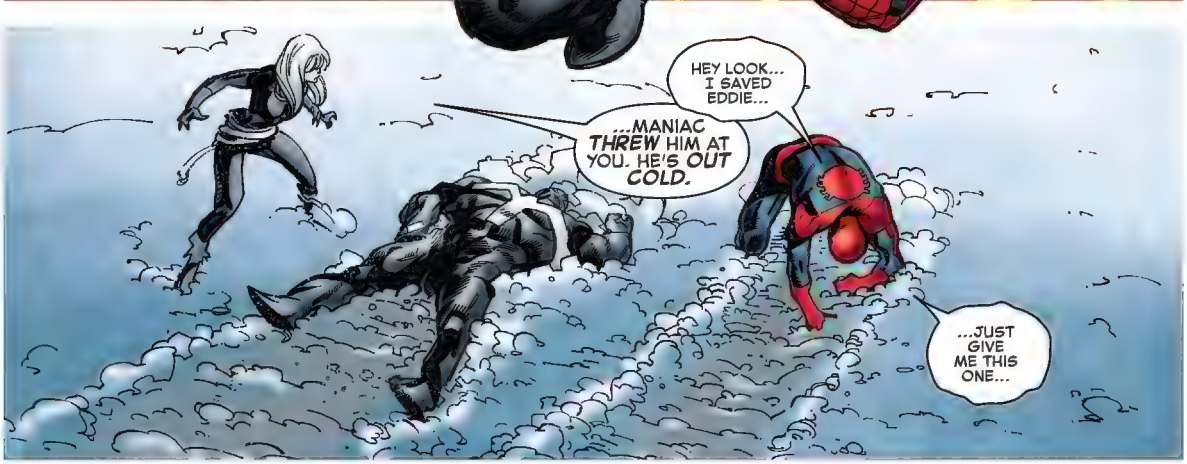
TRY TO CHOKE ME WITH YOUR LITTLE ANTI-VENOM DIPPED WHIP...
HURTS LIKE SUNBURN.
...AS IN, NOT MUCH.
CHOMP
COME ON, LUCK POWERS. NOW'S THE TIME TO HELP.
LUCK'S JUST RUN OUT!
HOP
HOP
I CALL THIS ONE THE ALLEY CAT ALLEY-OOP!
BOOM

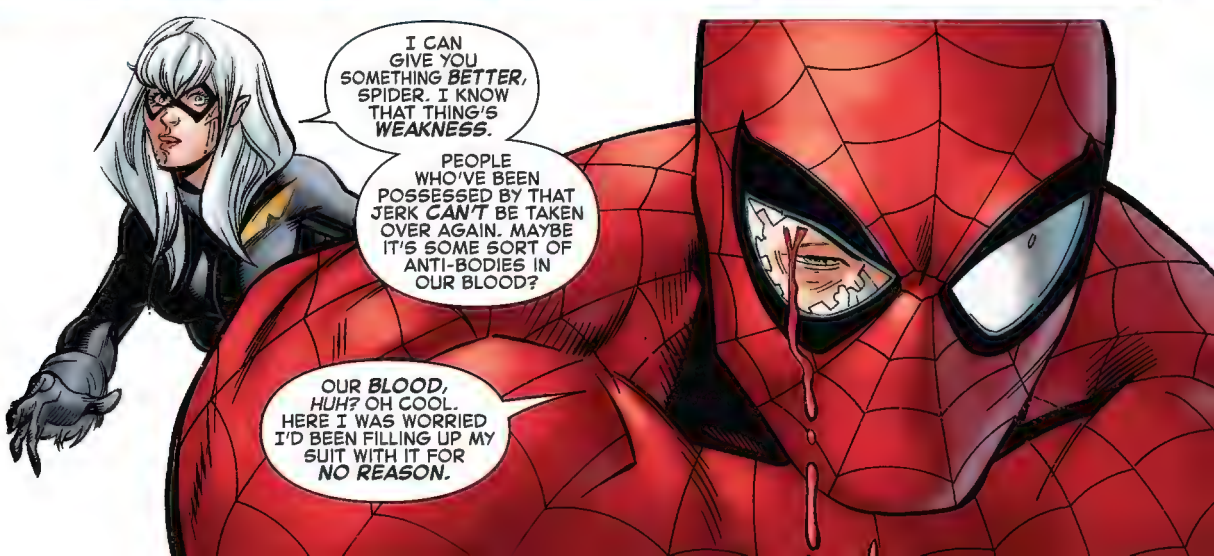
CAT! YOU OKAY?
BETTER THAN FINE. IN FACT...
...NOW THAT I'VE SAVED HER, OUR LONG-STANDING FEUD'S OVER AND WE'RE IN A HEALTHIER PLACE. RIGHT?
DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK, SPIDER.
EH?
CRASH
PATHETIC.
WHOSE BRILLIANT IDEA WAS "RAMMING SPEED"?

RASH
RAA AARGGHHH!
AARRRGG!
AHHRRRAAGGHH!
MY EYES!
BROCK, YOU #!%&!
WOOO, THIS IS GETTING UGLY.
I'LL BITE YOU IN HALF!
MY SYMBIOTE WILL BATHE IN YOUR--
HEY, SPIDEY, LOOK!
RRRRAHAAGGGHHH!
SPLATCH
I DUG DEEP!
HOLY!
NOT WHAT I MEANT. BUT I'LL TAKE IT.

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN THE GAME, FLASH!
NOW HOW ABOUT WE ALL USE A LITTLE MORE TEAMW--

URKK!


HEY LOOK... I SAVED EDDIE...
...MANIAC THREW HIM AT YOU. HE'S OUT COLD.
...JUST GIVE ME THIS ONE...


I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING BETTER, SPIDER. I KNOW THAT THING'S WEAKNESS.
PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN POSSESSED BY THAT JERK CAN'T BE TAKEN OVER AGAIN. MAYBE IT'S SOME SORT OF ANTI-BODIES IN OUR BLOOD?
OUR BLOOD, HUH? OH COOL. HERE I WAS WORRIED I'D BEEN FILLING UP MY SUIT WITH IT FOR NO REASON.

SPLOTCH!
SPLOTCH!
FLASH! I'VE GOT A WAY TO SAVE THE DAY, PAL!

KRR
GAH!

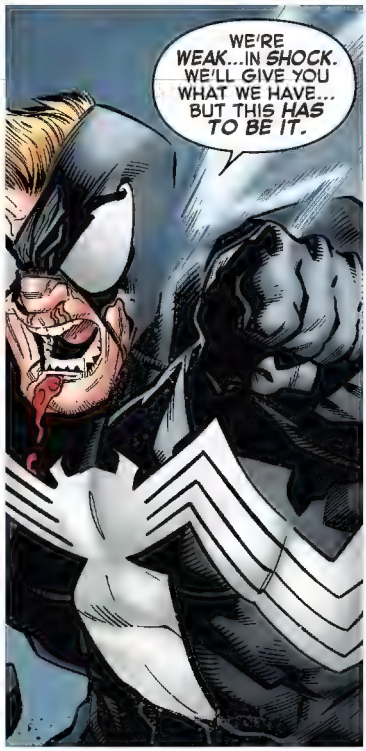
SPIDER-MAN?

YOU OKAY, BUDDY? YOU LOOK WOOZY.
THIS DAY WILL NOT BE MAKING THE HIGHLIGHT REEL.

BUT YOU CAN STILL BE THE SUPERSTAR HERE. CAT AND I HAVE A THEORY. REJECTING LEE'S FACEHUGGERS DUMPED SOME WEIRD CHEMICALS IN OUR BLOOD.
CHEMICALS I'M BETTING COULD BE THE BOOST YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

ANTI-VENOM? MEET ANTI-MANIAC!

YES!
GO GET 'IM, BROTHER!
AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME LOOK COOL AND MANLY NOW AFTER I TRIPPED JUST THEN.
SHH. YOU'RE RUINING A CARL WEATHERS/ SCHWARZENEGGER PREDATOR MOMENT HERE.
WHOA. THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO WORK.
WHAT? IT TICKLES?
I WOULDN'T DESCRIBE IT QUITE LIKE THAT.
MOSTLY I'M FEELING... SHARP.
SCHIK



SURE. "HANG IN THERE." JUST HOW LONG DO YOU GERMS THINK YOU CAN HOLD ME?

JUST LONG ENOUGH, PRICE--

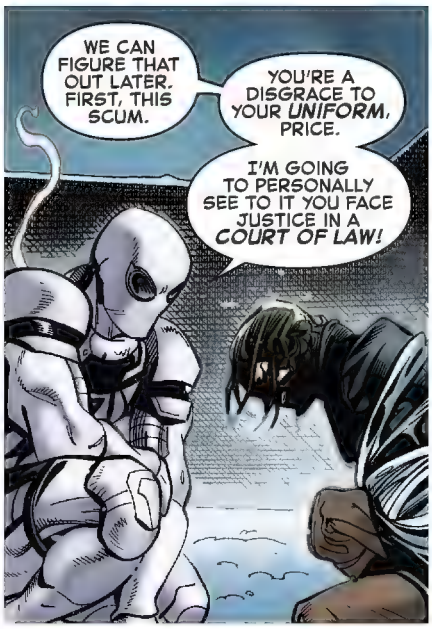
AAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!
--FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE!

NO.

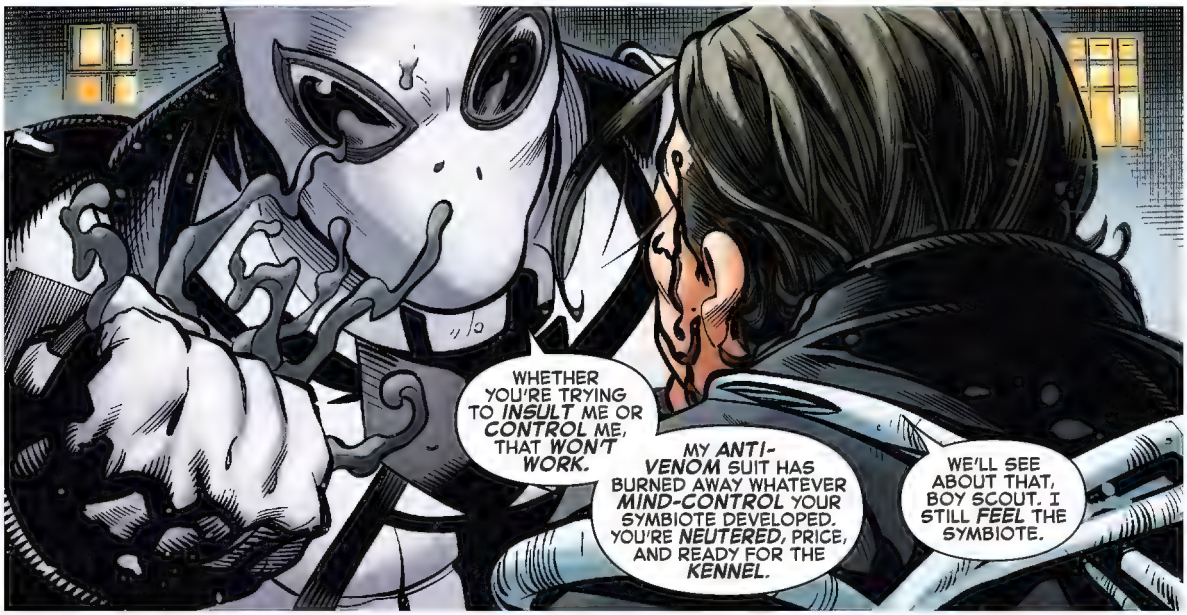
NO!
I CAN'T BE VULNERABLE LIKE THIS.

UNWRAPPED AND EXPOSED--
THWP
THWP
THWP
THWP
HOLD THAT THOUGHT!

IT'S OVER, PRICE.
I STILL SEE SYMBIOTE ON HIM. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?!


WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT LATER. FIRST, THIS SCUM.
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO YOUR UNIFORM, PRICE.
I'M GOING TO PERSONALLY SEE TO IT YOU FACE JUSTICE IN A COURT OF LAW!

PTOO!


WHETHER YOU'RE TRYING TO INSULT ME OR CONTROL ME, THAT WON'T WORK.
MY ANTI-VENOM SUIT HAS BURNED AWAY WHATEVER MIND-CONTROL YOUR SYMBIOTE DEVELOPED. YOU'RE NEUTERED, PRICE, AND READY FOR THE KENNEL.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, BOY SCOUT. I STILL FEEL THE SYMBIOTE.

LOT OF GOOD IT'LL DO YOU IN SUPER JAIL. SPEAKING OF...
IF THE POLICE ARE COMING, WE'D BEST BE ON OUR WAY.

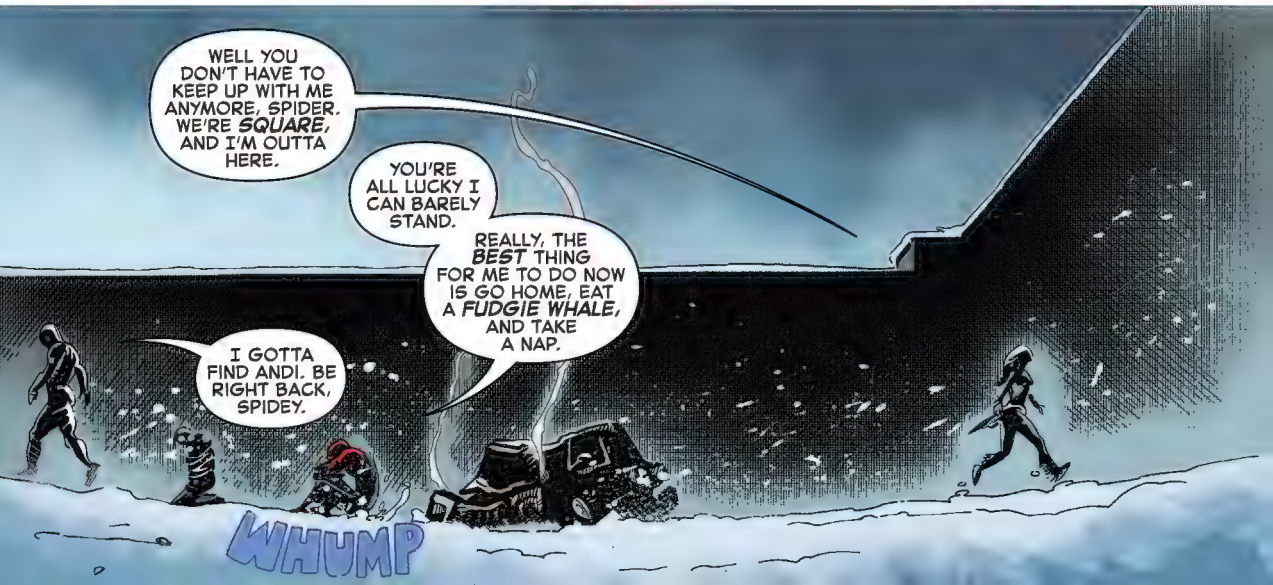
ACTUALLY-- CRAZY IDEA: I WAS THINKING YOU SHOULD STICK AROUND. MAYBE FACE JUSTICE FOR YOUR CRIMES?
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US, SPIDER-MAN, JUST GO RIGHT AHE--
STOP.

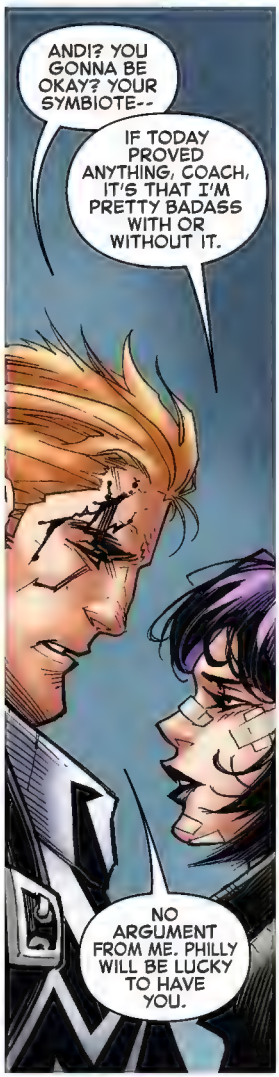
MAYBE BROCK HAS A CHECKERED PAST, BUT HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF TODAY.
"CHECKERED"? MURDER. THEFT. ARSON (PROBABLY)--
HE SAVED ALL OUR LIVES. THERE'S GOOD IN HIM, AND IN THE SYMBIOTE. I KNOW IT.

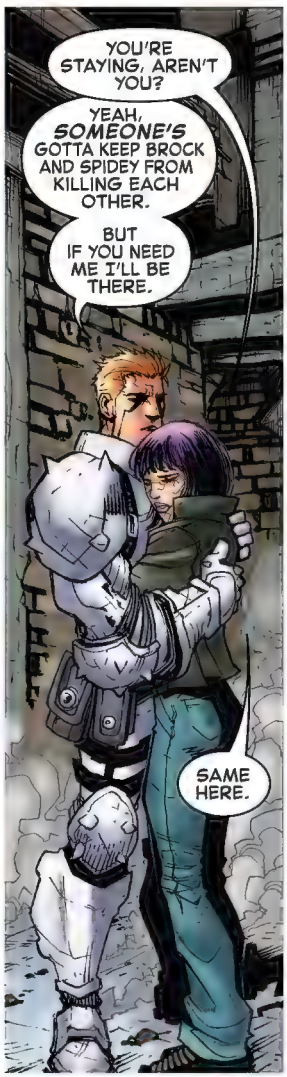
LISTEN TO THE SYMBIOTE, BROCK. THAT WAS MY PARTNER, SO I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
IT'LL MAKE YOU A BETTER MAN.
THANKS, THOMPSON.

YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD MAN YOURSELF.

WHAT JUST--
HE CAN CAMOUFLAGE HIMSELF WHEN HE WANTS TO.
MAN, IT IS NOT EASY KEEPING UP WITH ALL THESE SYMBIOTE ABILITIES.


WELL YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH ME ANYMORE, SPIDER. WE'RE SQUARE, AND I'M OUTTA HERE.
YOU'RE ALL LUCKY I CAN BARELY STAND.
REALLY, THE BEST THING FOR ME TO DO NOW IS GO HOME, EAT A FUDGIE WHALE, AND TAKE A NAP.
I GOTTA FIND ANDI. BE RIGHT BACK, SPIDEY.
WHUMP


ANDI? YOU GONNA BE OKAY? YOUR SYMBIOTE--
IF TODAY PROVED ANYTHING, COACH, IT'S THAT I'M PRETTY BADASS WITH OR WITHOUT IT.
NO ARGUMENT FROM ME. PHILLY WILL BE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.


YOU'RE STAYING, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH, SOMEONE'S GOTTA KEEP BROCK AND SPIDEY FROM KILLING EACH OTHER.
BUT IF YOU NEED ME I'LL BE THERE.
SAME HERE.

HOW 'BOUT I USE THAT HEALING POWER?
HERE. ON YOUR FEET, SOLDIER.
NOW WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?
THANKS FOR THE TALK EARLIER. MORE IMPORTANTLY...
...THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF FIGHTING BESIDE YOU. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN MY HERO.

YOU WANT TO SEE A HERO, COLONEL THOMPSON, ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS LOOK IN THE MIRROR. THE HONOR WAS MINE.
DON'T GO ALL MUSHY ON ME NOW, WEBS.
BESIDES, MY MILITARY CONTACTS ARE ON THE WAY-- GET OUTTA HERE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WELL, ONE OF US HAS TIES TO THE GOVERNMENT...
...AND THE OTHER'S A KNOWN VIGILANTE.
FAIR POINT.
AND WITH THAT, OUR WONDROUS WEB-HEADED HERO WRAPS UP ANOTHER AWE-INSPIRING ADVENTURE AND MAKES HIS WAY...

"...HOME!"
HEY, BOBBI. WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S MY APARTMENT. I LIVE HERE.
NO. I MEAN WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
ROUNDING UP MEMBERS OF ZODIAC. WHY?
WELL...

...I WAS OFF ON A BIG ADVENTURE MYSELF. AND I COULD'VE USED SOME EXTRA BACKUP.
SEE? BATTLE DAMAGE.
OH, SWEETIE. I AM NOT "EXTRA BACKUP," OR YOUR SIDEKICK.

I KNOW. IT'S JUST...
WE'VE BEEN TEAMING UP A LOT LATELY. AND I WAS GETTING USED TO--
HMM.

WHAT?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I'VE LEARNED THE LAST FEW DAYS...
...IT'S THAT SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIPS AREN'T ALL THAT HEALTHY.

A LITTLE SPACE FROM EACH OTHER NOW AND THEN IS PROBABLY A GOOD THING, RIGHT?
TOTALLY. LIKE I LEFT YOU HERE ALONE FOR A WHILE AND YOU DIDN'T BURN THE PLACE DOWN.
GIVE ME A LITTLE CREDIT.

SORRY. STAY THERE. AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOME APPRECIATION.
JUST HAVE TO FRESHEN UP FIRST.
THE BATHROOM?!
BOBBI, WAIT!

PARKERRR!
YEAH. I WOULDN'T TOUCH ANY OF THAT. THERE COULD BE ALIEN RESIDUE. EVERYWHERE.
I KNOW A GUY, DR. STEVE, HE MIGHT HAVE SOME ANTI-GOO STUFF TO CLEAN IT UP.
BE RIGHT BACK. SMOOCHES. BYE.
DON'T YOU DARE!
OH! AND I'LL PICK US UP A FUDGIE WHALE!
YOU ARE SO GETTING YOUR OWN PLACE!

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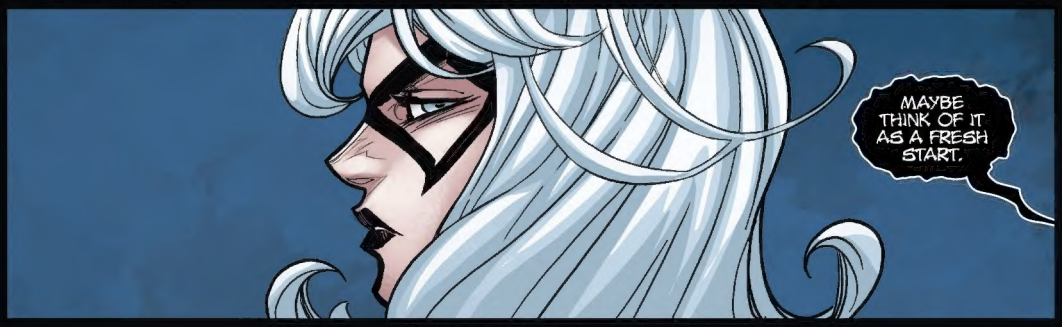
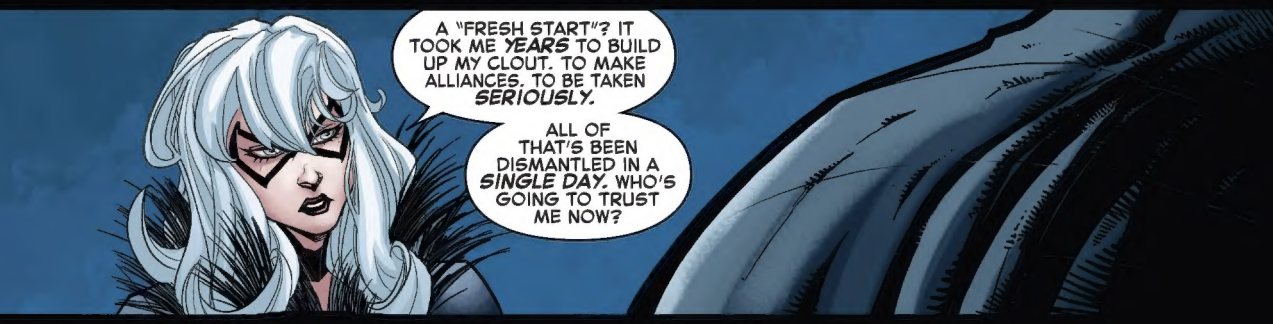

MAYBE THINK OF IT AS A FRESH START.


A "FRESH START"? IT TOOK ME YEARS TO BUILD UP MY CLOUT. TO MAKE ALLIANCES. TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.
ALL OF THAT'S BEEN DISMANTLED IN A SINGLE DAY. WHO'S GOING TO TRUST ME NOW?

YOU ONLY NEED TO TRUST YOURSELF.
IS THIS WHO YOU REALLY WANT TO BE? SOME CRIME BOSS, PULLING STRINGS, BENEFITTING FROM THEFT AND MURDER? WE JUST RISKED OUR LIVES STOPPING A MAN WHO WAS DOING THAT.
YOU'VE LOST YOUR EMPIRE... BUT WEREN'T YOU ALWAYS LUCKY?

NOW YOU CAN FOLLOW YOUR OWN CODE. PUNISH THE PEOPLE WHO TRULY DESERVE IT. PROTECT THE INNOCENT.
AFTER ALL, CAT...

...THIS CITY ALWAYS NEEDS HEROES.

SYMBINOTES

Hello, True Believers!

Wow! What an action-packed conclusion to VENOM INC.! You gotta hand it to Spider-Man and Venom--when they get together stuff gets CRAZY. I doubt Peter and Eddie could have gotten out of that mess without Anti-Venom, Black Cat and Andi Benton either. Not a bad team-up! Maybe we've got a brand-new super hero squad in the works here, folks. All they need is a name... THE WEB-VENGERS? THE WEB-TASTIC FIVE? THE WEBINARS?

Maybe not. We'll keep working on it!

Be sure to continue following Spidey's and Eddie's post-Inc. exploits in THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, VENOM and our other related Spidey titles, because we've got plenty more exciting adventures planned for the whole Spidey family. Stay tuned! Er, I mean KEEP READING.

We've got a few letters to get through, so let's dig in!

Flash Thompson is my favorite super hero and I loved his AGENT VENOM run. His story got me through hard times and he was the first and best comic series I've ever read. I sat for hours after my classes to read up on him and have read his story twice now and am about to a third time.

I'm a huge comics fan and was very disappointed when the Venom symbiote was taken from him (although I wasn't mad; it was a good idea) I just hope you'll keep Agent Anti-Venom around. I think he has potential to become as popular as Spider-Man himself one day. Thank you for getting my favorite hero back. I couldn't be more thankful.

Hunter Altair

Happy to hear that you're such a big Flash fan, Hunter! Flash has been through a lot, and giving him a second chance at super-heroics as Agent Anti-Venom has been exciting for us, and sounds like it's been exciting for you!

Hey, guys!

Robert Hammond writing to you again. Haven't done so since Space Knight, but VENOM INC. ALPHA has my love for Venom growing again 'cause Flash is back!

Hopefully this means he'll get his own comic again and perhaps we'll see a certain Anti-Mania in the future, wink wink. Can't wait to see how this story unfolds!

Robert Hammond

Anti-Mania, huh? Well, if you want to see more Andi Benton A.K.A. Mania—let us know!!! She does have cool powers—with or without her symbiote!

Hey guys,

Long-time reader here, just got home from work and finished my pull list, with VENOM INC. being my main course, and oh man what good choice that was! Like many, I was worried that Andi might be killed off, but as I read through those worries were laid to rest. The creative team of Costa and Slott is a very winning combo--the two complement each other very well, and Stegman's art makes this issue a 10/10 for me.

When I read NEW WAYS TO DIE and saw Anti-Venom first emerge I was kind of blown away because it was a brand-new take on something I loved from my childhood, and not long after that we were blessed with AGENT VENOM and that hands down was my favorite title of that year. But like all good things, they eventually came to an end. Until VENOM INC., now BOTH of these things have returned in an utterly amazing fashion!

Anyway, I just wanted to thank the creative team for their work on this title and tell you all that the next seven days can't come fast enough! These are the quality comics that I love reading each week!

Jaremy "The Jerm" Bill

Unfortunately, now everyone knows that mild mannered Jaremy Bill is actually THE JERM!!!

It's been an absolute pleasure working with Dan, Mike, Ryan, Gerardo, Brian, David and the rest of the creative team on INC. for us as well! A special shout-out to Jay Leisten who stepped in and kicked butt on inks. And to VC's Clayton Cowles and Joe Caramagna, who went above and beyond for us on these issues!!! We can't thank them all enough for their inspired work and incredible enthusiasm for these characters.

To Whom It May Concern,

Hi, my name is Aaron Becker. My friends and I have been having an argument over Venom and Spider-Man for quite some time and have decided to let you, the editors, make the decision.

One side argues that Spider-Man became Venom when the symbiote took him as a host, because Venom is the symbiote. The other side argues that when the symbiote took Spider-Man as a host, it was only the symbiote on Spider-Man and that Venom is only Venom when on Eddie Brock.

We'd love to hear what your input is and hopefully put this argument to rest.

Thank you,
Aaron Becker

Aaron, thank you for your question. The symbiote certainly had a terrible influence on Peter, but I'd say it only fully became VENOM when it bonded with the unsavory Eddie Brock! He's sure come a long way, huh?

Those who have worn the Venom symbiote besides Eddie have also taken on some of those aspects from Venom and can be considered Venom as well. But as far as we're concerned, Spidey was NEVER Venom!

Hello!

I just finished reading VENOM INC. ALPHA! What a great way to start off the event!

I am intrigued by Maniac and who else he will be bringing along for the ride! Can't wait to see Spidey and his team confront these new hosts.

I am looking forward to seeing more Black Cat and Anti-Venom as this story progresses! Dan Slott nailed it with this issue and Ryan Stegman's art is always amazing! Keep it up!

Best,
Andre Jeremiah

Now that we've reached the end of VENOM INC., I hope there was enough Black Cat and Anti-Venom for you, Andre! The team worked their butts off to bring you the very best Spider-Man/Venom crossover we could.

Well, that does it for VENOM INC. Thanks all for reading (and for keeping the lights on around here). Until next time!

Don't forget to keep those letters coming. LET US KNOW HOW WE'RE DOING! Send notes to SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM (please mark "OKAY TO PRINT").

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